

*CHARGE + BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Christ Be My Leader *setting by Charles W. Ore*

You are invited to be seated for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastors: Rev. Kyle Otterbein and Rev. Bob W. David

Lay Leader: Myrna Farraj

Musicians: Lora Morgan Dunham, Matthew Penning

Ushers + Greeters: Elders



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.
- Children's bulletins and worship bags are available in the Narthex as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Nursery care is provided for 2-year-olds and younger during both worship services.
- Children's Time is for ages 3 years through Kindergarten and meets in the Castle Room in the East Wing. This is a time of unstructured play, special activities, and continuing worship.
- Seating, sound, and worship hymnals are available in the Narthex.
- Large print hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.
- Flowers in the Sanctuary are given in celebration of Marlin and Judy's 50th wedding anniversary from their children and grandchildren.
- The flowers in the Narthex this morning are in celebration of Pastor Kyle Otterbein's birthday, with thanks to the Lord for the gift of Kyle's ministry among us.
- Interested in the ministry opportunities of St. Andrew?
Our weekly Mini-Messenger and monthly Messenger newsletters are available online at: www.saintandrew-ic.org (under the "News" heading) or in paper version in the rack near the Welcome Table and on the table outside the main office.

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 2010 ✠ 8:30 + 11:00 AM

Hymns and songs may be found in The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue) or Sing! A New Creation (green).



GATHERING

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Christ Be My Leader *setting by Paul Manz*

Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you wish to express a response, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is welcomed.

*CALL TO WORSHIP + OPENING PRAYER

We find it easy to say, "Yes, we will follow Christ."

But sometimes discipleship makes uncomfortable demands on us.

Yet, in all of this, Christ calls us continually to follow.

He is present with us at all times.

Let us place our trust always in his guidance.

Let us open our hearts to his will and his ways. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above *blue, #483*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, we know in our hearts that discipleship demands an utterly new way of seeing and being with people, but the journey from heart to eyes, hands, and feet can be long and difficult. We confess that we find it especially difficult to remember that loving you takes priority over everything and everyone else in our lives - even family and friends. Remind us that when we do love you like this, our relationships are shaped by your love and can become deeper and stronger.

Forgive our reluctance to proclaim with our lips and our lives that you are Lord of our lives.

We confess that we prefer our journeys of faith to be devout, but not too daring; comfortable but not too threatening.

Forgive our fear of walking your way of obedience - the way of the cross.

Lord Jesus Christ, give us the grace to trust in your call to each of us and the unknown direction which you call us to travel. You have travelled the road already, so what have we to fear?

Jesus, Saviour and Lord, we do want to be your followers so that we can reveal through our lives, as you did, the shape of God's love.

May we be filled, renewed, and guided by the Holy Spirit so that we commit ourselves anew to the challenge of following Jesus Christ - serving and loving others in his name and for his sake. **Amen.**

Bold print - speak or sing together in unison

**please stand as you are able*

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners - so rejoice - for in him, we are forgiven, we are healed, we are renewed.

Thanks be to God!

*THE PEACE/TIME OF GREETING

The grace, love, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.



WORD OF GOD _____

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

OT Bible, pg. 186

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Step by Step *green*, #17 *sing twice*

Parents who would like to have their children participate in Children's Time in the Castle Room are welcome to accompany their children to the East Wing during the Congregational Song.

EPISTLE READING

Philemon, selected verses

NT Bible, pg. 215

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-33

NT Bible, pg. 78

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Choosing Life *Rev. Kyle Otterbein*



OFFERING OURSELVES FOR GOD'S PURPOSE _____

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY

Christ Be My Leader *setting by Anne Krentz Organ*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION



EUCHARIST _____

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER CONCERNS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

blue, pg. 16 - *traditional*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

I Will Sing of My Redeemer *setting by Fernando Ortega*

Lora Morgan Dunham, soloist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, our light and life, thank you for strengthening us in this sacrament. Make us ready to turn away from everything else that claims our allegiance, and follow you as our only Savior. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



SENDING _____

*CLOSING HYMN

Christ Be My Leader



1. Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;
2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
3. Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



safe through the dark - ness, for he is the Way.
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the Truth.
death can - not hold me for he is the Life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care,
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand,
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can



dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

Text: Timothy Duddley-Smith (b. 1926)

Music: traditional Irish

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